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ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY

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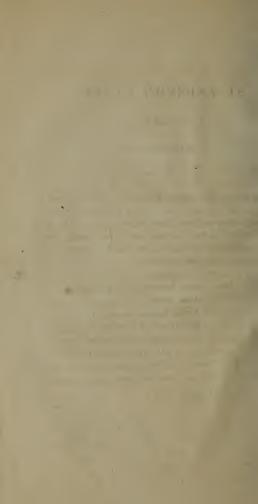
MONTREAL.

At the Quarterly Meeting of the Society, held in Mack's Hotel, on the 9th November, 1843, a Committee was appointed to compose an outline of the history of the Society, from the period of its formation till the present time, and cause it to be printed, together with the Constitution, and a correct list of the Members.

The Committee consisted of
Messrs. Hew Ramsay, Vice-President;
John Eadle, Secretary;
Hugh Allan, Manager;
Charles E. Anderson, Collector.

The following sketch which was compiled from the Records of the Society by Mr. Hugh Allan, was read to and approved of by the Committee, and is now by them laid before the Society in obedience to its instructions.

MONTREAL, January, 1844.



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THE formation of the St. Andrew's Society, although its objects are strictly limited to charity and acts of philanthropy, was no doubt partly caused by political circumstances.

The peculiar nature of the events then (1834) in progress throughout the Province, and the contests for the Representation of the City of Montreal in Parliament, which were almost entirely trials of strength between the Anglo-Saxons on the one hand, and the Franco-Canadians on the other, caused a revival of that national feeling which to some extent is natural to all men, and is said to exist in an eminent degree in Scotchmen. It had long been felt that there was a want of concentration and unanimity, amongst the Anglo-Saxon community, for although its members on all leading points were sufficiently unanimous, yet the machinery did not exist whereby the views and opinions of the more prominent of "the British party" as it was called, could be diffused and impressed on the community at large. It is true, the Constitutional Association was formed for that purpose, and to a considerable extent was successful in accomplishing it, but experience proved that it did not possess that strong power of appeal to patriotic feeling which Societies strictly national would have.

While therefore, the formation of the St. Andrew's, as

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well as the other, National Societies of Montreal,* may in part be attributed to political circumstances, still the grand cause to which they owe their origin, was the fact that it had long been a matter of complaint and regret that no institution existed in Montreal, for the encouragement and assistance of Emigrants from the British Isles.

To a person far removed from the land of his nativity. and at a distance from his friends to whom he could apply for relief when in the hour of misfortune and distress, the friendly assistance of those who own a common home, and boast a common origin is always cheering to the heart and acts as balm to the wounded spirit. Appeals were often made in this city to the feelings and commiseration of Scotchmen, for the relief of those suffering under unforeseen calamity, sickness, or any of the multiplied misfortunes incident to the life of a stranger from his native land, and while in most instances assistance was granted with a free and liberal hand, at the same time it was too often withheld from a fear, unfortunately in many instances well grounded, that the applicant was unworthy the bounty he sought, or was attempting to impose on the benevolence of his neighbours.

In the month of November, 1834, a few of the most active and enthusiastic amongst the Scottish residents, animated by patriotic feelings, resolved to celebrate the festival of their Patron Saint, by during together on the Anniversary with as many of their countrymen as were disposed to join them, and so general was the disposition to do so, that the room engaged for the purpose proved scarcely large enough to contain the company. St. Andrew's day in that year falling on the Sabbath, the dinner took place on Monday, the 1st December, 1834, at the Albion Hotel, in rear of the Theatre, and upwards of one

^{*}The St. George's, St. Patrick's, and German Societies were formed about the same time as the St. Andrew's Society.

hundred gentlemen of Scottish origin or descent were present—on this occasion, the following individuals officiated:—

Chairman, Mr. ADAM FERRIE,

Vice Chairmen,.... Messrs. John Boston,
William Edmonstone,
William Ritchie,

Stewards,.....Messrs. Robert Morris,

ROBERT MORRIS,
ROBERT ARMOUR, Jun.
ANDREW COWAN,
DANIEL MACNAB,
WILLIAM WILSON, JUN.,
WILLIAM DOW,
JOHN WEBB,
JOHN WEIR,
WILLIAM WATSON,
ANDREW WHITE,
WILLIAM DOUGLAS,
JAMES JACKSON,
ARCHIEALD HUME,
WALTER BENNY.

At the dinner, the utmost good feeling and hilarity prevailed—many of the speeches were excellent, and abounded in sentiments of strong national feeling, which met with a hearty response from every person present, and the formation of a Society by means of which these feelings might be perpetuated and the charitable contributions of its Members be diffused among their suffering countrymen in this city, was freely canvassed. The result was that at a meeting of the Stewards which took place on the 17th January following, for the purpose of finally regulating the accounts of this dinner, a Sub-Committee was appointed to draft the outline of a constitution for a St. Andrew's Society.

The objects aimed at were to regulate charity in a systematic manner—to prevent imposition on the one hand, and to relieve the truly indigent on the other—to afford advice and information to fellow-countrymen, wanderers from their native land; to promote the welfare of the Emigrant, and to aid him in forming a settlement from which he might afterwards derive happiness and independence. With these views, it was proposed to form among the Sons of Scotia and their descendants, resident in Montreal, a charitable association directed solely to advance the cause and welfare of their countrymen. This Sub-Committee which consisted of Messis. Adam Ferrie, William Ritchie, William Edmonstone, Archibald Hume, Robert Armour, Jun., and William Wilson, Jun., adopted as the basis of the proposed constitution that of the St. Andrew's Association of New York, a few alterations being made to render it applicable to the difference of country and circumstances.

It was then agreed to call a General Meeting of all the inhabitants of the city of Scottish origin or descent favorable to the proposed institution; upwards of four hundred circulars were addressed by the Stewards to the most leading, influential, and respectable of their countrymen, and advertisements inserted in the newspapers inviting them to attend a meeting in the Northwest buildings, in St. Gabriel Street, on the 6th February, 1835, with a view to form a St. Andrew's Society, and adopt a constitution for its management. The invitation was very generally accepted, and a numerous and highly respectable meeting took place. The Hon. Peter McGill was called to the Chair, and the constitution submitted by the Stewards, was with a few trifling amendments adopted. The gentlemen present were invited to become Members by subscribing their names to the constitution, and another meeting on the 2d March was ordered to be called for the election of office-bearers. During the interval, all those qualified were allowed and invited to sign the constitution and be deemed original Members. The meeting which had been appointed for the 2d March,

was postponed till the 9th, in consequence of the former day having been that of the Sacrament Monday in all the Scotch Presbyterian Congregations of the city; on the 9th March, 1835, the meeting was held in Mr. John Fisher's premises, St. Paul Street. The Chair was filled by George Auldjo, Esq., and the first election of officebearers to serve till the 30th November, took place, the result of which and of the subsequent elections is detailed in a succeeding part of this work. The first meeting of the office-bearers took place on the 27th March, and decided on immediately procuring a common seal-printing five hundred copies of the constitution and distributing one to every person who had subscribed his name to it; and also, on procuring designs for an ornamental certificate of Membership or Diploma. Another meeting of the Managers was held on the 27th April, when it was resolved to procure appropriate Flags, Banners, and Transparencies for the use of the Society, as also Collars and Badges for the office-bearers. The Sub-Committee appointed to select designs for these articles reported at the Quarterly Meeting in May, and in accordance with their recommendation orders were transmitted to Scotland to procure the following :-

TRANSPARENCIES .

Sir William Wallace. John Knox. Sir Walter Scott. Robert Burns. A Highland Chief in full costume.

FLAGS.

The Royal Arms of Scotland. The Royal Standard of Scotland.

BANNERS :

Caledonia. An Ancient Caledonian. Collars and Badges for the President and Vice Presidents, the Managers, Chaplains, Physicians, Treasurer, Secretaries, and Standing Committee, (twenty-one in all), also, some Heather, Broom, Thistles, Whin, and a small cask of genuine Mountain Dew. The letter containing the order was dated 8th June, and was addressed through introductory letters from Dr. Robertson, one of the Society's Physicians, to Messrs. George Robertson and James Robertson of the Register House, Edinburgh, and they were earnestly requested to get them ready in time to be sent out by one of the fall vessels, by way of the St. Lawrence.

On the recommendation of the Sub-Committee it was decided to procure the Banner of St. Andrew in Montreal, and immediately, on this becoming known, the Ladies connected with Members kindly offered to procure one and present it to the Society. An application from the German Association to accompany them to Church on their Anniversary, the 3rd August, was agreed to, and the German, St. George's, St. Patrick's, and St. Andrew's Societies, marched in procession to the Protestant Episcopal Church.

At the Qarterly Meeting in August, the Rev. Mr. Esson proposed various amendments to the constitution, to the effect that the Standing Committee should be erected into a charitable board, independent of the Committee of Management, but reporting their proceedings to them; to open an office and appoint an Agent for the purpose of giving advice and assistance to emigrants, and keeping a register of all natives of Scotland seeking situations, and also of lands offered for sale, &c., &c.; these amendments were laid on the table to be considered at the Annual Meeting in November, as provided by the constitution.

An arrangement was entered into between the four national Societies for a general procession on each festival, and agreeing on the order of march, which was, that the Association whose day they were celebrating should go first, and the others in order as their festival day came round; a proposal was made, that, in lieu of a a procession on each festival day, which was considered as of too frequent occurrence, only one general procession should take place in each year, and that it should be on the birthday of the Soverign. Committees were appointed on the part of all the Societies to take the subject into consideration, but they decided against any change; at this time, proposals were also made to build a Union Club-house under the auspices of the National Associations, and Sub-Committees were appointed to consider the propriety of doing so-these Committees went so far as to have plans and estimates drawn out. but it was finally decided to be inexpedient to attempt such an enterprise at the time.

The Quarterly Meeting in November was very numerously attended, there being about 120 Members present.

The Committee of Management presented a Report by which it appeared that 384 persons had subscribed the constitution, but 109 of them had not paid their fees; the actual number therefore of Members at that time was 275.

The whole money ollected, was......£441 5 0
And the expenditure amounted to....... 36 8 8

Leaving a balance on hand.....£404 16 4

The Report stated that the Flags, Banners &c., ordered from Edinburgh had not arrived, and as it was now too late to receive them by way of the river, they were expected via New York.

The diplomas which were drawn by Mr. Duncan of this city, and engraved by Smillie of New York, had been received and were approved of.

A letter to the President from the Right Hon. George, Earl of Dalhousie, formerly Governor General of Canada, was read, stating the pleasure with which he had heard of the formation of the Society; that he would gladly assist in procuring the flags and other decorations in Edinburgh, and requesting that his name might be enrolled as a Member. This proposal was received with the most animated cheers, and the noble Earl was at once elected an Honorary Member by acclamation. The amendments to the constitution proposed at last Quarterly Meeting by the Rev. Mr. Esson were then brought forward, and in consequence of his absence, negatived without discus-A proposal was made to substitute a Soirce for the dinner prescribed in the Constitution, but it met with no support, and it was resolved that on the 30th November the Society would walk in procession to Church, and in the evening, such of the Members as were disposed would dine together at Rasco's Hotel. The election of Office-Bearers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with.

At the Anniversary Meeting on the morning of the 30th November, the Earl of Selkirk was at his own request proposed and elected a life Member, immediately after which two gentlemen deputed from the ladies, many of whom were in the room, presented to the Society a very splendid silken banner of St. Andrew, accompanied with the following letter:—

" To the President of St. Andrew's Society-

"Sir, I have the pleasure of intimating to you that the Ladies resident in Montreal, Scotch by birth, and others descended from and connected with Scotchmen, have observed with sincere satisfaction the formation of a St. Andrew's Society in this city, for the purpose of administering relief to such of the natives of Scotland and others claiming kindred therewith, as may have fallen into poverty and distress.

"To manifest in some measure the deep interest they take in the welfare and respectability of the Society, they have been some time past preparing a banner emblematic of the Faith and Fame of that ancient and gallant nation, the Anniversary of whose Patron Saint you are this day met to celebrate, and they request that your Society will accept the same as a testimony of that high estimation in which they hold the object for which it was constituted, and as a mark of that affection, and respect they feel for everything relating to a people so renowned and moral.

"The ladies who have contributed to the presentation of this banner, earnestly pray that he who commanded us all "to feed the hungry and to clothe the naked," may prosper your endeavours and preserve you ever in peace and unity.

"I have the honor to be, Sir, your obedient servant,

ELIZA M'GILL."

To which the Hon. Peter M'Gill, President of the Society, returned thanks in the following words:—

"GENTLEMEN,

"It is well known to all the world, that the ladies of Scotland have ever been "ready, aye ready" to further the cause of charity, and to contribute to everything having a tendency to increase the honor and respectability of their country and countrymen.

"It is therefore with heartfelt pride and satisfaction, that the St. Andrew's Society of this city, have observed the same patriotic spirit animating "the ladies, natives of Scotland, and those descended from or connected with Scotchmen resident in Montreal,"—a splendid proof of which, you, gentlemen, as their deputies and standard bearers have just presented to us.

"In the name and on behalf of the Society, I accept this banner, exquisite and costly alike in its material and workmanship, and doubly valuable at the present moment, as we have been disappointed by the non-arrival of various national flags, and other insignia of our Father. land, which we have ordered from Edinburgh.

"I beg you will convey to the ladies, whose deputies you have the honour to be, the sincere and grateful thanks of this Society, for so magnificent a mark of their consideration, which is worthy alike of themselves and of us—and that you will assure them that next after our faith and our country, they shall ever have a place in our hearts and affections."

At the conclusion of this interesting ceremony, the Society accompanied by the other National Associations, walked in procession to St. Gabriel Street Church, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Esson; the collection amounted to the large sum of £35.

In the evening, about 150 members and guests, dined together in Rasco's Hotel.

During the month of December, the package containing the Flags, &c., ordered from Edinburgh, arrived at New York, not having been got ready in time to come out by way of the St. Lawrence. It was consigned to a Mr. M'Leod, who, however, declined taking charge of it, and it was consequently deposited in the Custom House Stores. This proved a most fortunate circumstance, for a few days afterwards, the memorable fire broke out, which destroyed an immense number of buildings, and amongst others, Mr. M'Leod's stores, from which scarcely any property was saved. An application was made by the Secretary to the Government of the United States, explaining the cause of our Flags and Banners having been sent by way of New York, and praying that as they were not for sale, nor intended to be used in any part of the United States, we might be allowed to take them into Canada without paying any duty. This request was at once, and in the handsomest manner complied with. A similar petition was preferred to the Earl of Gosford, then Governor General of Canada, with the addition that the institution was solely a charitable one, and that if the heavy duty of thirty per cent. was exacted, it would in fact be taken from the poor, as it would diminish the funds to that extent. His Lordship refused, however, to comply with the prayer of the Society, and the full duty was exacted.

The sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Esson on the Anniversary Festival, was printed at the request of the Members.

At the Quarterly Meeting in February, 1836, a letter from Mr. George Robertson of the Register House, Edinburgh, was read, transmitting the invoice of the Flags, &c., and detailing his exertions in procuring them.

Thanks were unanimously voted to Mr. Robertson for his kind and gratuitous services, and he was elected an Honorary Member by acclamation.

The Rev. Mr. Esson again brought forward and urged the adoption of his proposed amendments to the Constitution, particularly the establishment of a Register Office for servants. A long and animated discussion was raised by this proposal, and it was finally agreed to authorise the Standing Committee to make the experiment of an Office of the description alluded to.

By invitation from the St. Patrick's Society, this and the other National Associations accompanied it in procession to the Roman Catholic Cathedral on the 17th March,—St. Patrick's day.

At the Quarterly Meeting in May, the Standing Committee reported that they had established a Registry Office in accordance with their instructions. The applications for servants had been exceedingly numerous, amounting to above five hundred, but only two servants had applied for places, and it appeared on enquiry that very few Scotch persons would become servants, and the

limited number who did, had no difficulty in obtaining places. As the expense of the Office would be about £50 per annum, the Committee did not recommend the continuance of it, and the Meeting concurring in opinion with the Committee, the office was discontinued.

An application from the persons who had hitherto acted as pipers at the processions and dinners, to be appointed "Pipers to the Society," was agreed to.

At this meeting the names of 79 of the original Subscribers of the Constitution were struck off the roll for non-payment of their fees.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer, having procured at their own cost, and from a design of their own, collars of green velvet embroidered with silver thistles, proposed that the other Office-bearers should procure similar ones, but the meeting decided that these were too expensive, having cost £6 10s. each, and it was finally agreed to procure them with only one thistle, and that the expense should be borne by the Society,—the price was limited to £2 10s. each.

At the August Quarterly Meeting, the President announced the receipt of a letter from the Right Hon. the Earl of Dalhousie, expressing the gratification he felt at being elected an Honorary Member of the Society, and presenting to its funds the princely donation of one hunder pounds sterling, requesting that it might aid in the relief of such of our fellow countrymen as might arrive on our shores in distress, from whatever cause. A vote of thanks was passed by acclamation to the Noble Earl for his great liberality, and the President was requested to express the high feelings of gratitude, admiration and esteem the Society entertained for his kindness.

Mr. Edmonstone, the Secretary, presented in the name of his brother, Archibald Edmonstone, Esq., of Stirlings two very handsome snuff-mulls, one a sheep's head with horns complete, mounted in silver, with a box for the snuff in the centre of the forehead—the other a single horn, also mounted in silver, both had suitable inscriptions and were accompanied with all the usual aparatus. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Edmonstone for his very handsome present, and he was by acclamation elected an Honorary Member, and the Secretary was requested to communicate to him the Society's gratitude for this instance of his generosity.

A Sub-Committee was appointed to examine the Flags, Banners and Transparencies, received from Edinburgh, and from their report it appeared that some of them had received damage on the voyage out, and also that the designs of the Banners of "Caledonia," and "an ancient Caledonia," were not such as they approved of-it was therefore agreed to have those repaired which had received damage, and that in place of the two banners which were disapproved of, one new banner of Caledonia be procured to match with the banner of St. Andrew presented by the ladies. A discussion arose as to the fund from which this new banner should be paid. Mr. Edmonstone objected to the funds of the Institution being diverted from their original purpose, which was charity alone, and proposed that a subscription be raised to defray the expense of this banner, and to indemnify as far as possible the amount taken to pay for the Flags and Banners received from Edinburgh. This motion was carried, and collectors appointed with orders to report at the next meeting.

At the November Quarterly Meeting the report of the Committee of Management, stated the amount dispensed in charity during the past year by the Standing Committee, to have been £89 18s 9d, in addition to which there was expended by vote of the Society £5, making £94 18s 9d. The Treasurer's account showed a balance in his hands of

£238	12	2
And Lord Dalhousie's donation,123	4	7
361	16	9
The amount collected to pay for Banners		
and Flags, was115	0	0
Total amount of funds,£476	16	9

The number of Ordinary Members belonging to the Association was 240.

The Meeting then proceeded to the election of Office. Bearers for the ensuing year.

The Anniversary was celebrated as usual on the 30th November, the Society accompanied by the other National Associations walked in procession to St. Andrew's Church, where an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Mathieson.

In the evening, about 120 of the Members and their guests dined together in Rasco's Hotel.

The sermon preached by Dr. Mathieson, was printed at the request of the Members.

The usual Quarterly Meeting was called in February, 1837, but enough of Members did not assemble to form a quorum.

In the month of March, 1837, a report appeared in the newspapers received from Britain, and was copied into those of this country, announcing the death of the Earl of Dalhousie. A meeting of the office-bearers was immediately summoned, and notice issued to the members generally requesting them to go into mourning for thirty days. On the 17th March, while the Society in deep mourning was accompanying the St. Patrick's Association to Church in celebration of its Anniversary, intelligence came to town by a later arrival from Britain that the report was untrue, the Noble Earl being in the enjoyment of his usual health.

On Monday, the 24th April, the Society by invitation accompanied the St. George's Association in their procession to and from Christ Church, being the day of their annual festival.

The Quarterly Meeting in May was duly summoned, but a quorum of Members did not attend.

The Anniversary Festival of the German Society was duly celebrated on the 3d August by a procession to Church of the four National Associations.

At the Quarterly Meeting in November, 1837, the Report of the Managers stated the amount expended in charity by the Standing Committee, during the past year to be.....£71 11 1

In addition to which, the Treasurer had paid

by order of the President..... 6 10 0

£78 1 1

The Treasurer's accounts exhibited a balance in favor of the Society, amounting to £436 9 5; and the number of Ordinary Members on the roll appeared to be 214.

The Meeting then proceeded to the election of Office-Bearers for the following year.

On the 6th November, 1837, the first act of the rebellion which had long been threatened, took place by a collision between some of the "Fils de la Liberte," and the British residents of Montreal. This was followed immediately by a very general rising throughout the District, and the Government at once found it necessary to call on the loyal population for assistance to maintain possession of the country. The members of the St. Andrew's Society being all loyalists were immediately put under arms, and performed military duty. Barricades were erected at the different outlets of the city, and the utmost vigilance exercised to prevent internal surprise, which at the time was as much to be dreaded as danger from without. Under these circumstances it became a

matter of question whether the customary manner of celebrating the Anniversary should be observed. The usual dinner, and other Committees were however appointed, and all the necessary arrangements entered into, when a letter was received from the Magistrates, requesting that in the disturbed position of the country and the excited state of the public mind, the Society would abstain from its usual procession. To this an answer was returned, stating, that although strictly a charitable and religious body, yet feeling the importance at that particular time of yielding a willing obedience to a request from the civil authorities so courteously expressed, the Society would for that year forego its procession. At a subsequent meeting of the Office-Bearers, it was decided, that as the regular troops were all withdrawn from the city, and most part of the Members occupied in the various guards which would prevent them from attending, it would be better to forego the public dinner also. About thirty of the Members, however, made arrangements for a supper at Orr's Hotel, which was enjoyed the more from the peculiarity of the circumstances under which it was held, and from the fact, that on that day Colonel Wetherall and the Royal Regiment returned into town from St. Charles, bringing with them about one hundred and fifty prisoners.

The Quarterly Meeting in February, 1838, was duly held, and the necessary routine business transacted.

On the 17th March, certain intelligence of the decease of the Earl of Dalhousie was received, and the Society went into mourning for thirty days, as a mark of respect to his memory.

The usual Quarterly Meeting was summoned for the 10th May, but a sufficient number of Members to constitute a quorum did not assemble.

In June, a letter was received from Sir John Dorratt, announcing that he had been appointed by the Governor General, the Earl of Durham, to the office of Inspector of Hospitals, Charitable and Literary Societies, &c. &c., and demanding to be furnished with a statement of the funds, and other circumstances of the St. Andrew's Society. To this an answer was returned, that the Society had never received any public money, but was supported by the contributions of its Members. The Managers, therefore, did not hold themselves responsible to any other authority, and declined furnishing any information on the subject.

At the Quarterly Meeting in August, there was not a quorum of Members present.

The usual Quarterly Meeting for November, 1838, was held on Thursday, the 7th. The Report of the Managers stated that the Standing Committee had expended in charity during the past year....£81 12 4

And the Treasurer had paid as ordered by

votes of the Society...... 9 0 0

90.12 4

The Treasurer's accounts exhibited a ba-

lance in his hands, amounting to.. 551 19 9

The number of Ordinary Members on the roll at this time, appears to have been 206.

Major General Sir James Macdonell, commanding the Brigade of Guards, was unanimously elected an Honorary Member, and on being notified thereof, he expressed his high gratification, and presented the sum of £12 10s to the funds of the Society.

The Office Bearers for the next year, were then elected as usual.

Another rebellion broke out on the 3d November in this year, and the Members were again put under arms and called on to perform military duty,—there being, however, a much larger body of regular troops in the country than last year, and the volunteers in a better state of discipline, much less danger was apprehended,

and it was resolved to observe the Anniversary Festival by a procession and dinner as formerly.

On the 30th November, * therefore, the Society walked in procession to St. Gabriel Street Church, where an eloquent sermon was addressed to them by the Rev. Mr. In the evening, upwards of seventy Members and guests dined together in Orr's Hotel. After the toast "our motto, relieve the distressed," the President the Hon. Peter McGill, addressed the company in favour of the destitute widows and orphans of the brave volunteers who fell at Lacolle and Odelltown a few days previously, in opposing the inroad of a large band of brigands and rebels who had collected on the American side of the line, and crossed over taking possession of Napierville and establishing a rebel camp in that village, with the intention of overturning the Government, and killing or driving from the Province, the loval inhabitants. He commenced the subscription list with the handsome sum of ten pounds, and in a few minutes the subscription amounted to sixty pounds. This money was transmitted to Lieut. Col. Taylor, in command on the frontier, and by him appropriated for the purpose stated.

At the Quarterly Meeting in February, 1839, the Right Reverend Mr. Macdonell, Roman Catholic Bishop of Kingston, was elected an Honorary Member of this Society.

The usual Quarterly Meetings in May and August were held, and the necessary routine business transacted.

At the Quarterly Meeting in November, 1839, the Managers reported the amount expended in charity by the Standing Committee, during the past year

After the commencement of the rebellion in 1837, the custom of the different National Societies joining in each others Anniversary processions was discontinued.

to be	£50 16 3
In addition to which the T	easurer had paid
by order	6 0 0

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The Treasurer's accounts showed a balance remaining in his hands of............578 18 1

The number of Ordinary Members on the roll was 214.

The Office-Bearers for next year were then elected as usual.

Messrs. William Edmonstone and Hugh Allan, the Secretaries, having served for five years in that capacity declined a re-election—but presented the Society with their collars of office which they had procured at their own expense. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to them for their liberality and past services.

On the 30th November, the Society walked in procession to St. Paul's Church, where an eloquent and appropriate sermon was preached to them by the Rev. Dr. Black. In the evening, about eighty Members and guests dined together in Orr's Hotel.

A letter was received from James, Earl of Dalhousie, son of the late Earl, dated 4th January, 1840, requesting the Society to aid in the subscription for erecting a monument in honor of the Duke of Wellington. To this letter an answer was sent, stating, that although as individuals, the Members would do all in their power to assist the undertaking, yet as a Society, its funds could not be appropriated to any purpose except charity.

The usual Quarterly Meetings in February and May, 1840, were called, but at neither of them did a quorum of Members attend.

In August, the Quarterly Meeting took place, and the necessary routine business was transacted.

At the Quarterly Meeting in November, 1840, the Annual Report stated the amount expended in charity by

the	Standing	Committee	during	the	past	yea	ar,	to
be					£	285	7	6
Ir	addition t	to which the	Treasure	r has	paid			
	by vote of	the Society.				9	0	0

The meeting proceeded to the election of Office-Bearers for the following year, and the usual observance of the Anniversary was resolved on.

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On the 30th November, the Society walked in procession to St. Andrew's Church, and heard an excellent sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Mathieson. In the evening, about rinety Members and guests dined together in Rasco's Hotel.

The usual Quarterly Meetings in February, May, and August, 1841, were summoned, but there were not sufficient Members present at any of them to form a quorum.

A Special Meeting of the Office-Bearers was summoned on the 20th September, 1841, to take into consideration an application made by Mr. Morris, President of the Emigration Association of the District of St. Francis, for some pecuniary aid to a body of 229 destitute Emigrants who had recently arrived from the Island of Lewis, (Scotland,) and who were then supported chiefly by the contributions of the charitable inhabitants of the town of Sherbrooke and its neighborhood. Mr. Morris' letter intimated that without other assistance was received, it would be impossible for these Emigrants to outlive the winter, as they were in a state of utter destitution, and the inhabitants of the township could not support so large a number of persons from their own un-

aided resources. The meeting decided that the Constitution of the Society prohibited them from applying its funds to such an object as the present-it did not appear to authorise the granting of relief from its funds except to cases of destitution in the city; but as this case appeared of an urgent nature, and one particularly calling for assistance, Messrs. Hew Ramsay and Neil M'Intosh were appointed to collect subscriptions on behalf of the emigrants. This Committee acquitted itself with great diligence and success, having collected the large amount of £234 14s. 6d., the whole of which was, at different times, remitted to Mr. Morris, and expended by him in their support. Letters were received from Mr. Morris, expressing the gratitude of the emigrants for this large and timely aid which was principally the means of keeping them from starvation. The whole of these Emigrants are now in easy circumstances.

The usual Quarterly Meeting was held on the 11th November, 1841. The accounts presented by the Standing Committee, stated the amount dispensed by them in charity during the past year to have been.....£89 2 6

In addition to which the Treasurer had paid by vote of the Society...... 12 0 0

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The Treasurer's accounts exhibited a balance in his hands, amounting to............. 62

Mr. Allan gave notice that at the Annual Meeting in November next, he would propose an amendment to the Constitution to the following effect:—"That the task of collecting all monies due to the Society devolve on the Treasurer, and that the Secretary be no longer charged with that duty, but will be required to furnish the Treasurer on the 1st April in each year, with a complete list

of all the Members, in order that he may send to them for payment of their subscriptions; and immediately on the election of any new Member, the Secretary will be required to notify the same to the Treasurer in writing."

On the 30th November, the Society walked in procession to St. Gabriel Street Church, where a very impressive discourse was addressed to them by the Rev. Mr. Esson. In the evening, about 60 Members and guests dined together in Orr's Hotel.

The Quarterly Meetings in February and May, 1842, were duly summoned, but enough of Members to constitute a quorum was not obtained.

A Special General Meeting was called on the 16th May, to consider an invitation from his Worship the Mayor of the city, for this Society to form part of a procession which was organising to receive His Excellency Sir Charles Bagot, the Governor General, on his arrival in town from Kingston. Much disinclination was expressed by many of the Members, that the Society should join or form part of any political procession whatever, but as it was stated that all the other charitable Associations had agreed to the proposal, it would have appeared invidious in this Society to refuse. The proposal was therefore concurred in, and the procession took place on the 21st May.

On the 8th of July, 1842, a very melancholy accident occcurred on Lake St. Louis. A small high pressure steamer called the Shamrock, burst her boiler shortly after leaving Lachine. The force of the steam blew the bow completely out of the boat, and she almost immediately sank. About sixty passengers (chiefly emigrants) were drowned, and the survivors lost all their property. Amongst the latter were some Scotch emigrants, on whose account an appeal was made to the St. Andrew's Society but the same reason that prevented the application of its

funds to assist the Lewis emigrants, applied to this case also. A subscription was therefore commenced amongst the Members and others, and the sum of £31 11s 2d raised, which was sent to the Rev. John Taylor, of Lachine, for distribution.

At the August Quarterly Meeting there was not a quorum of members present.

And the Treasurer had paid in conformity

with a vote of the Society,..... 9 0 0

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The Treasurer's accounts shewed a balance in his hands amounting to...... 566 9 1

The number of Ordinary Members on the roll was 210. Instructions were given to the President, Treasurer, and Secretary, to invest in Montreal Bank Stock as much of the permanent fund as could conveniently be spared.

Letters were handed in from the President, the Hon. Peter M'Gill, declining a re-election, and from Charles Tait, Esq., Treasurer, desiring also to be released from his office. The cordial thanks of the Society were voted to both of these gentlemen for their long and valuable services,—they having both held their offices since the formation of the Society.

The usual election of Office Bearers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with.

On the 30th November, 1842, Mr. Allan's motion in amendment to the Constitution, transferring to the Treasurer the task of collecting monies due to the Society, and relieving the Secretary therefrom, was unanimously passed. After which, the Society walked in procession to

St. Andrew's Church, where an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Mathieson. In the evening, upwards of seventy Members and guests dined together in Mack's Hotel.

At the Quarterly Meetings in February and May, 1843, no business was transacted in consequence of a sufficient number of Members to form a quorum not being present.

The August Quarterly Meeting was held in Mack's Hotel—and the ordinary routine business transacted. Amongst the gentlemen elected Honorary Members, were Messis. James Lumsden, Senior, and James Lumsden, Junior, of Glasgow, after which Mr. Shaw announced donations from them to the funds of the Society of £12 10s from the former, and £6 5s from the latter.

At a Quarterly Meeting in November, 1843, the President announced that in compliance with the orders of the Society, he had purchased twelve shares Montreal Bank Stock, at the price of £51 10s per share, or three per cent premium, and that this Stock was held in the names of the President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Treasurer's accounts exhibited the following as the state of the funds on the day of meeting:—

12 shares Montreal Bank Stock	618	0	0
Cash balance in Treasurer's hand			
Do. in hand of Standing Com-			
mittee	3	11	3
Dividend on Bank Stock, 1st December.	18	0	0
11-1-17			
	716	17	1
And the a is an amount of avecage due			

And there is an amount of arrears due from Members of which is considered good.....

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The statements of the Standing Committee, shewed that during the last year they had expended in charity

And the Treasurer had paid by vote of the		8	9
Society		0	0
	85	8	9

The number of Ordinary Members on the roll appeared to be 218.

A Sub-Committee was appointed to revise the list of Members, striking off the roll all those who were in arrear for their subscriptions longer than the time provided by the Constitution. The Sub-Committee was also instructed to have a sketch of the proceedings of the Society since its formation, drawn up and printed, along with the Constitution and the corrected list of Members.

The usual election of Office-Bearers to serve until the 30th November, 1844, was then proceeded with.

On the Anniversary, the 30th November, the Society walked in procession to St. Paul's Church, where a deeply interesting sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Black. In the evening, about eighty Members and guests dined together at Mack's Hotel. At the request of a number of the Members an application was made to Dr. Black to allow his sermon to be printed, but the Rev. gentleman declined to comply.

In fulfilment of the purpose for which they were appointed, the Sub-Committee appointed to correct the list of Members, present herewith a revised statement of the number on the 1st January, 1844:—

Life Members Honorary Members	
Ordinary Members	
Total belonging to the Soc	iety300

Since the formation of the Society, the following sums have been expended by it in acts of charity only:—

From 9tb M	larch, 1835, to	30th No	ov. 1835	£15	7	6
" 30th 1	Nov., 1835,	66	1836	94	18	9
**	1836,	66	1837	78	1	1
66 66	1837,	66	1838	90	12	4
Odeltown Vo	olunteers,		***********	58	12	6
From 30th I	Nov., 1838, to	30th No	v., 1839	56	16	3
£6 £6	1000,	*6	1840	94	7	6
et et	1840,	66	1841	101	2	6
66 68	1841,	66	1842	143	0	0
66 61	1842,	66	1843	85	8	9
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	rock					2
Lewis Emigr	ants			234	14	6
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LIST OF MEMBERS,

BELONGING TO

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF MONTREAL,

1st January, 1844.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Allan, Andrew
Anderson, Charles E.
Edmonstone, William
Gilmour, Allan, Glasgow
Keith, James, Lachine
Montgomerie, Hugh E.
Macfarlane, Duncan, Glasgow
Ross, D. P.
Selkirk, The Earl of
Tait, Charles

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Allan, Hon. William, Toronto Allan, James, Glasgow Allan, Capt. Bryce, Greenock Adam, Archibald M., Glasgow Aitken, Wm. M.D., Ayr Auld, James T. Armour, A. H., Toronto Andrews, Professor, Quebec Baird, James, Liverpool
Brown, James, Jun., Toronto
Black, Alexander
Beith, Gilbert
Black, Rev. David, St. Therese
Bean, William
Birss, J. H., Hamilton
Bansley, David, Toronto

Carmichael, David
Cumming, David
Comrie, Peter
Connell, James, Jun., Toronto
Cowan, Andrew
Cuthbertson, James
Cameron, Angus, Toronto
Carmichael, Wm., Perth, C. W.
Cameron, Frederick, C.

Dowie, Kenneth, Liverpool Dunlop, John, Sherbrooke Dunlop, William, do Delisle, W. H. Denholm, George

Edmonstone, Archibald, Stirling Edmund, James

Fraser, Simon, Bytown Farish, James, Hamilton Findlater, Rev. Andrew, Aberdeen Falconer, W. R.

Gillespie, Robert, Scotland Gillespie, Robert, London Glen, William, Canada West Gibb, George Gilmour, Allan, Glasgow Gordon, John, Quebec Gillespie, G. H., Hamilton Gillespie, T. C. do.

Hamilton, Capt Robert, Liverpool Henderson, Robert Hume, Archibald, Scotland Handyside, Peter. Jun.

Innis, R. U., New York
Irvine, John
Inglis, Rev. David, Hamilton
Jamieson, Robert
Jaffray, William,
Jamieson, John, Scotland

Kerr, Archibald, Hamilton Kidston, Richard, Glasgow Kidston, Alex. G., Glasgow Kirkland, Captain Ker, John, Sherbrooke

Lang, George, New Edinburgh
Leslie, Alexander, Aberdeen
Lang, William, Jun., Bytown
Loynachan, James, Kingston
Lumsden, Hon. James, Lord Provost, Glasgow
Lumsden, James, Jun., Glasgow

Millar, Capt. John, Greenock Morris, John, St. Therese Moffatt, Robert, Perth Miller, Colin, Kingston Melville, Thomas, Scotland Murray, Hector Murray, John Mann, Andrew, Quebec M'Gillis Hugh, Williamstown M'Nab The of M'Nab
M'Leod, Martin
M'Donald, Arthur, Kingston
M'Lean, Duncan, P. E. Island
M'Kenzie, Rev. James, Scotland
M'Kenzie, J. S., Quebec
M'Kenzie, H. B., Captain 70th Regiment
M'Gill, Andrew, Australia
M'Gillis, John, St. Johns
M'Pherson, D. L., Toronto
M'Lean, Duncan, Toronto
Macfarlane, David
Macnider, John Bytown
Macpherson, John, Kingston

Neil, John, Greenock
Parlane, Alex., Liverpool
Robertson, George, Edinburgh
Robertson, William, Glasgow
Ritchie, William, of Middleton, Scotland
Roy, William, Jun.
Robertson, William
Ross, C. S., Kingston
Rhynas, John, Portland
Stewart, William, Bytown

Stewart, William, Bytown
Stephenson, Patrick, Canada West
Scougall, Walter, Three Rivers
Thom. Adam, Red River.

Taylor, Duncan, Canada West
Taylor, Rev. John, Drumelzier, Scotland
Taylor, Homer

Wilson, Richard, Laguayra
Wilsone, D. H., (of Glasgow,) M. D.
Walker, Hugh, Hamilton.
Whiteford, William, Manchester
Weir, Robert, Glasgow

LIST OF MEMBERS.

BELONGING TO

THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF MONTREAL,

1st January, 1856.

Α.

ARMOUR, ROBERT,
ALLAN, HUGH,
ARMOUR, JOHN,
ADAMS, ROBERT,
ANDERSON, T. B.
AULD, JOHN,
ALLAN, ANDREW, (LIFE)
ALEXANDER, CHARLES,
AITKEN, JAMES,
ALLAN, JOHN,
AITKEN, JOHN,
ANDERSON, GEORGE,
ADAM, JOHN W.,

B.

BOSTON, JOHN, BENNY, WALTER, BROWN, DAVID BURNS, JAMES, BROWN, JAMES, BOWIE, ALISON, BURGESSS, JOHN. BENNING, JAMES. BOYD, JOHN, BAIRD, EDMOND. BECKET, J. C. BRODIE, JOHN. BROWN, JOHN, BROWN, THOMAS, BERTRAM, ALEXANDER, BARNSTON, JAMES M. D., BRODIE, ROBERT, BROWN, GEORGE, BAIRD, F.C., BAIRD, ALEXANDER, BENNING, WALTER, JUN., BOWMAN, WILLIAM, BOSTWICK, JOHN D., BURNETT, W.,

C.

CHRISTIE, WILLIAM, CAMPBELL, G. W., M. D., CLARKE, WILLIAM ROXBURGH, CLARKE, ALEXANDER, COWAN, DR. F. P., CUMMING, W. B., CUMMING, J. W., CAVERHILL, JOHN, CROSS, ROBERT, CAMPBELL, A. H., CAMERON, JAMES. CHALMERS, ROBERT. CLONEY, THOMAS, CAMERON, JOHN, CAMPBELL, REV. A, D., CAMPBELL, JOHN,

CAMPBELL, NEIL,
CAMPBELL, DUNCAN,
COWAN, JAMES,
CLARK, A. C.,
CAY, WILLIAM,
CAMPBELL, ALEXANDER,
COWIE, A. M.,
CAMPBELL, W. W.,
COWIE, A. F.,
CONSTABLE, A. G. A.,
CHISHOLM, ALEXANDER,
CAY, JAMES,
CASSELS, ROBERT,
CAMERON, HUGH,
CAMPBELL, ROLLO,

D.,

DOW, WILLIAM,
DOUGLAS, WILLIAM,
DODS, JOHN,
DINNING, JOHN G.
DAVIDSON, DAVID,
DONALD, JAMES,
DONALD, JOHN,
DONALDSON, WILLIAM,
DOUGALL, JAMES,
DAVIDSON, THOMAS, (B. N. A.)
DAVIDSON, THOMAS,

E.

EDMONSTONE, WILLIAM, (LIFE)
EASTON, ANDREW,
ESDAILE, JOHN,
ESDAILE, ROBERT,
EWART, JOHN,

F.

FERRIER, HON. JAMES, FERRES, JAMES MOIR, FORSYTH, THOMAS. FINLAYSON, J.,. FRASER, JOHN, (LACHINE) FERRIER, JAMES, JUN. FERRIER, G. D., FISHER, JAMES, (LONG POINT) FISHER, PETER, FLETCHER, JOHN, FRASER, WILLIAM, M. D., FERGUSON, WILLIAM, FORBES, ALEX. McKENZIE, FRASER, JAMES, FRASER, G. B., FISHER, FRANCIS, FRASER, REV. D., FRASER, JOHN, FRASER, DONALD, FRASER, JOHN. FAIRIE, JAMES, FORSYTH, R., FRASER, JOHN,

G.

GILMOUR, ALLAN, (LIFE)
GREENSHIELDS, JAMES B.,
GILLESPIE, DAVID,
GILMOUR, JAMES,
GREENSHIELDS, JOHN,
GIBB, J. J.,
GIBSON, T. A.,
GREENSHIELDS, WILLIAM G,
GILLESPIE, JAMES,

GORDON, JAMES, GLASSFORD, HENRY, GRANT, DUNCAN, GARDNER, ROBERT, GILL, JAMES, GEMMILL, WILLIAM, GRANT, ARCHIBALD, GALBRAITH, JOHN, GRAHAM, JAMES,

H.

HUTCHISON, WILLIAM,
HALL, GEORGE,
HALDANE, JAMES,
HARVEY, JAMES,
HARROWER, ROBERT, (SOREL)
HAIG, REV. T., (BEAUHARNOIS)
HANDYSIDE, A. D.,
HUTCHISON, JOHN,
HENDERSON, WILLIAM,
HUTCHISON, R.,
HAMMOND, JOHN,

I.

IRVINE, THOMAS,

J.

JOHNSTON, WILLIAM, JACK, JAMES, JOHNSON, JAMES,

K.

KAY, JOHN, KERR, ROBERT, KINNEAR, DAVID, KINGAN, JOHN, KINLOCH, WILLIAM, KENNEDY, JOHN G. KIMMOMD, W. L., KINMOND, PETER, KYLE, ROBERT, KEMP, REV. F. W.,

L.

LOGAN, JANES,
LILLY, JOHN CHARLES,
LECKIE, ROBERT,
LACHLAN, MAJOR,
LOCKART, ROBERT,
LOW, CHARLES A.,
LAIRD, A. W.,

M.

MORRIS, ROBERT. MILLER, WALTER, MATHIESON, REV. DR., MACRAE, WILLIAM, (ST. JOHNS) MURRAY, WILLIAM, MORRIS, HON. WILLIAM, MURRAY, ALEXANDER. MILLOY, ALEXANDER, MITCHELL, JAMES, MITCHELL, ROBERT, MAVOR, JAMES, MILNE, WILLIAM, MORRISON, ANGUS, MORGAN, JAMES, MORRISON, JOHN, MUNRO, ALEXANDER, MACK, WM. GORDON. MUNRO, HECTOR, MORRIS, ALEXANDER, MAXWELL, EDWARD,

MACRAE, GEORGE. MUIR. ROBERT. MUIR, DAVID, MORLAND, THOMAS. MILNE, JOHN, MEIKLEHAM. MORRISON, MALCOLM. MITCHELL, ALEXANDER. MALCOM, W. G., MUIRHEAD, JAMES, MORGAN, HENRY MORICE, DAVID. MUIR, HUGH, MUIR, WILLIAM, MOIR, JAMES, MILLER, ROBERT,

M.

McGILL, HON. P., McINTOSH, NEIL. McLEAN, JOHN, McDONALD, DAN'L, (ST. LAURENT) McDONALD, GEORGE. McCULLOCH, FERDINAND. McFARLAN, WALTER, McDONALD, ALLAN, McDONALD, ALEXANDER, McDOUGALL, D. LORN, McDONALD, ARCH. NORMAN. McGILL, REV. DR., McGIBBIN, JAMES. McKAY, DAVID, McKAY, ROBERT, McKAY, JOSEPH, McIVER, MURDOCH, McKENZIE, ALEXANDER.

McDONALD, DAVID, JUN. McARTHUR, JOHN, McDONALD, ANGUS. McFARLANE, ARCH., McKENZIE, SIMON McT.. McGIBBON, JOHN, McGIBBON, GEORGE, McGIBBON, WILLIAM, McGIBBON, ALEXANDER. McFARLANE, ARDREW, McNIVEN, DANIEL, McDOUGALL, ROBERT, McDOUGALL, JAMES, McFARLANE, DAVID, McLEAN, JAMES. McDONALD, JAMES, McDONALD, ALEXANDER, McCALLUM, HUGH. McINTOSH, NICHOLAS. McKENZIE, JOSEPH, McDONALD, JOHN. McLELLAN, EWAN, McINTOSH, PETER, McKINNON, W., McDONALD, D., MACKENZIE, D. D., MACKAY, EDWARD, MACPHERSON, ALEXANDER, M'CAW, THOMAS, MACPHERSON, JOHN. McEWAN, THOMAS. McCULLOCH, M., McCULLOCH, A., McFEAT, JAMES, McLENNAN, H.,

McFARLANE, WILLIAM, McMARTIN, J. R., MILNE, JOHN A.,

N.

NORVAL, R. H., (BEAUHARNOIS) NICOLSON, KUTUSOF, (DO.) NELSON, THOMAS, NAPIER, R,

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OGILVY, ARCHIBALD, SEN.,
OGILVY, ARCHIBALD, JUN.,
OGILVY, JOHN,
OGILV1E, ALEXANDER,
OLLIVER, R. S.,
OWLER, WILLIAM,
OGILV1E, JOHN,
OGILVY, JAMES,

P.

PARKER, A. DAVIDSON, PENNIE, JAMES, PATTON, LAIRD, POE, D. A., PRENTICE, E. A., PATERSON, A. F., PATON, THOMAS,

R.

RAMSAY, HEW, RAMSAY, MUNGO, RAMSAY, THOMAS, RAMSAY, T. K., RUSSEL, HECTOR, ROBERTSON, PETER, ROSE, JOHN, ROBERTSON, ANDREW, ROUGH, JAMES. RAMSAY, ALEXANDER, ROBERTSON, GEORGE, ROGERS, DAVID, RAE, WILLIAM, (LIFE) ROSS, JOSEPH MOORE, RATTRAY, JAMES. ROBERTSON, CHARLES, ROSE, HENRY. ROSE, G. M., RUTHERFORD, WILLIAM, REID. WILLIAM, ROSE, DANIEL, RENNIE, A. N., ROSS, JOHN. ROSS, W. E.,

S.

SPIERS, JOHN. SMITH, JOHN, (1) SHAW, ANDREW, SMITH, JOHN, (2) STARKE, GEORGE SIMPSON, SIR GEORGE. SPIERS, WILLIAM. SHEPHERD, GEORGE, SPIERS, JAMES. STEWART, A. B., STIRLEN, JOHN. SIMPSON, ALEXANDER, SCOTT, JAMES, (1.) STEPHENS, WILLIAM. SINCLAIR, JOHN. SIMPSON, JAMES. SCOTT, JAMES, (2)

SMELLIE, DAVID,
SMITH, ALEXANDER,
STIRLEN, JAMES,
STEVENSON, ALEXANDER A.
STEVENSON, JAMES,
SHAW, DAVID,
SHAW, GEORGE,
SMITH, DAVID,
SNOWDON, JOHN JAMES,
STEWART, ARCHIBALD,
STEPHEN GEORGE,
SIMPSON, JAMES,
STARKE, RICHARD,

T.

TAIT, CHARLES, (LIFE)
TAYLOR, HUGH,
TORRANCE, JAMES,
TAYLOR, EDWARD T.,
TAYLOR, GEORGE,
TURNBULL, ANDREW,
THORNTON, PETER,
THOMSON, JOHN,
THOMPSON, JOHNSON,
TEMPLETON, GEORGE,
THOMSON, JAMES,
TAYLOR, REV. DR.,
TAYLOR, R.,
THOMPSON, —

U. URQUHART, ALEXANDER,

WATSON, WILLIAM, WHITLAW, JOHN, WATSON, G. D. WALKER, ALEXANDER, WILSON, ANDREW,
WATSON, JOHN,
WATT ALEXANDER,
WILLIAMSON, JAMES,
WHITE, ROBERT,
WATSON, WALTER, (B.N.A. BANK)
WHITE, ROBERT,
WATSON, JAMES,
WATSON, W.,
Y.
YOUNG, HON. JOHN

YOUNG, HON. JOHN YOUNG, GEORGE. YOUNG, JOHN M., Z.

ZETLAND, EARL OF, (LIFE)

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

Of the Name and seal of the Society.

The name of this Society shall be "The St. Andrew's Society of the City of Montreal," and shall have a common Scal, with its name engraved thereon, around the Arms of Scotland, and the National Motto, "Nemo me impune lacessit."

ARTICLE II.

Of Resident Members.

None but Scotchmen, and the children, grand-children and great-grand-children of natives of Scotland, shall be admitted as Resident Members of the Society; all Resident Members to be considered as natives of Scotland. When any person is to be proposed for admission as a Resident Member, the Member proposing shall give to the Secretary at a meeting of the Society, a written notification thereof, mentioning the name of the candidate. his occupation, and the place of his nativity, according to the form in the Appendix, which notification shall be read, and at the next meeting he may be elected. The election shall be by ballot, and the consent of threefourths of the Members present shall be necessary to the admission of a candidate. None but Resident Members shall be entitled to vote in the elections or other business of the Society, and none shall be considered as Resident Members, until they shall have paid the fee of admission, and subscribed the Constitution.

ARTICLE III.

Of Honorary Members.

Natives of Scotland, or children and grand-children of natives of Scotland, or of Resident Members, and who may be strangers to the city, may be proposed and ballotted for as Honorary Members, on the same evening; and they, as well as the Resident Members, shall be entitled to a certificate of their admission, authenticated with the Seal of the Society, and signed by the Secretary. None shall be admitted as Honorary Members who reside in the County of Montreal.

ARTICLE IV.

Of the Officers of the Society.

A President, two Vice-Presidents, seven Managers, two Chaplains, one or more Physicians, a Treasurer, a Secretary and an Assistant Secretary, shall be chosen from among the Resident Members at the Preparatory Meeting hereafter mentioned, who shall be installed, and shall enter upon the duties of their respective offices, on the Festival of St. Andrew next ensuing. The election shall be by ballot, and a plurality of votes shall decide. The President shall be first chosen and duly announced to the Meeting, and afterwards the rest of the Officers shall be balloted for by their respective Offices separately. The Officers of the same description shall rank according to plurality of votes.

ARTICLE V.

Of the Stated Meetings of the Society.

The Society shall hold four Quarterly Meetings every year, viz.: on the second Thursday in February, May, August and November, the last of which shall be called "the Meeting preparatory to the Anniversary Assembly." The President, or in his absence the Officer highest in rank who may be present, shall appoint the place of meeting, and the Secretary shall, at his desire, give due notice thereof to the Resident Members, and thirteen shall be necessary to constitute a quorum. At all meetings the names of the Members present shall be recorded.

ARTICLE VI.

Of the Special Meetings of the Society.

The President, or in his absence, the Officer highest in rank who may be in the city, shall, when any emergency occurs which in his opinion may render it expedient, or upon application made for that purpose by the Board of Managers, or by the Standing Committee hereafter mentioned, call a Special Meeting of the Society. The Secretary shall give due notice to the Resident Members, twenty-one of whom shall be required to constitute a quorum. Special Meetings shall be competent to the transaction of any business that may come before them, except when it is otherwise prescribed in this Constitution; but the consent of two-thirds of the Members present shall be necessary to constitute a vote, and the yeas and nays on each question shall be recorded.

ARTICLE VII.

Of the Anniversary Assembly.

As the benevolent views of the Society will be greatly promoted by a social intercourse among the Members, the Society shall hold an Anniversary Assembly, and such Members, as may be thereunto disposed, shall celebrate the day by dining together or in any other way which the majority of those present at the preparatory meeting may deem advisable; and the Members shall on that day appear with a St. Andrew's Cross, or a Thistle displayed on the left breast. When St. Andrew's Day hap-

pens on Sunday, the first day of December shall be observed as the Festival.

ARTICLE VIII.

Of the Duty of the President.

The President shall, when he is present, preside in all meetings of the Society, preserve order, put the question, and declare the decision. He shall call a Special Meeting of the Society when he shall judge it proper, or when applied to for that purpose by the Board of Managers, or the Standing Committee hereafter mentioned, and he shall appoint the place of all meetings. He shall likewise sign all orders on the Treasurer from the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE IX.

Of the Duty of the Vice-Presidents.

The duties specified in the foregoing Article shall, in the absence of the President, devolve on the first Vice-President, and, in the absence of both, on the second Vice-President, only that in regard to signing orders on the Treasurer, each shall have equal powers with the President.

ARTICLE X.

Of the Duty of the Managers.

The Managers shall constitute a Board for dispensing the Society's bounty, agreeably to the regulations and restrictions prescribed in this Constitution, or by the Laws and Resolves of the Society; and for this purpose they shall meet at least once a month, and three shall be necessary to form a quorum. At their meetings only, they shall decide on the application of claimants; and if a majority of those present consent to grant relief, they shall recommend them to the President and Vice Presidents, either of whom is authorized to draw on the Treasurer for the sum specified in the recommendation of the

Managers. Provided that no more than twenty dollars be given to any one head of a family in one year, unless it be otherwise determined at a meeting of the Society; and provided also that the whole sum thus dispensed by the Managers and by the Society in one year does not exceed the revenue of the Society for that year, unless it be done agreeably to the mode specified in the eighteenth Article. And none shall be objects of the Society's bounty but such Resident Members thereof as may become indigent, and poor natives of Scotland, and children and grand-children of natives of Scotland, or of Resident Members of the Society, unless it shall be otherwise determined at a meeting of the Society. The Managers shall likewise recommend to the attention of the Chaplains and Physicians such persons as they suppose might be benefitted by their assistance. At all meetings of the Society they shall, under the direction of the presiding Officer, preserve order and decorum, regulate the ceremonial, and attend to the collection and payment of the expenses.

ARTICLE XI.

Of the duty of the Chaplains.

It shall be the duty of the Chaplains to perform the religious duties customary at the meetings of the Society; by their counsel and advice to promote harmony and good will among the Members, and to visit such sick and distressed persons as may be recommended to their attention by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE XII.

Of the duty of the Physicians.

It shall be the duty of the Physicians to give their advice and assistance to such sick or maimed persons as may be recommended to their care by the Board of Managers.

ARTICLE XIII.

Of the duty of the Treasurer.

The Treasurer shall have the custody of the money and other property of the Society. He shall keep regular accounts of his receipts and expenditures, in suitable books provided for that purpose. He shall at each Quarterly Meeting present an abstract of his accounts, stating the sum received and expended since the previous meeting, and likewise the whole amount received and expended since the previous Anniversary Festival, and specifying the cash in hand, and what may become due before the next meeting, that the Society may, if they think proper, take order for the disposition thereof. He shall enter on his books each sum paid by him in consequence of the recommendation of the Board of Managers, the name of the President or Vice-President who signed the order, and the name of the person to whom the money was paid.

Articles XIII and XIV were altered by vote of the Society at the General Meeting on the 30th November, 1841, to the effect, that the task of collecting all monies due to the Society, devolve on the Treasurer and that the Secretary be no longer charged with that duty, but shall furnish the Treasurer on the 1st April in each year, with a complete list of the Members in order that he may send for their subscriptions; and immediately on the election of any new Member, the Secretary will give notice of the same to the Treasurer in writing.

ARTICLE XIV.

Of the duty of the Secretary.

The Secretary shall have the custody of all the records and journals of the Society, and shall make a regular entry of all the proceedings at each meeting. He shall keep a list of the Members of the Society, and an account of the fees and dues that accrue, shall collect the same, and take receipts when he makes payment to the Treasurer. He shall summon the Resident Members to all meetings directed in this Constitution, or called by the presiding Officer. He shall, on the order of the Society, erase from the list of Members the names of all such persons as by the terms of this Constitution shall have forfeited their title to Membership, making report thereof at the next meeting. He shall appoint a Messenger to the Society for delivering notifications of the time and place of meetings, and a suitable person for collecting dues, under his direction. He shall also have the custody of the Seal and the Badge of the Society. In the absence of the Secretary, the duties above specified shall devolve on the Assistant Secretary.

ARTICLE XV.

Of the Death, Resignation or Removal of Officers.

In case of the death, resignation or removal of any of the Officers during the year for which they were elected, the Society shall at the next meeting, choose others in their room, to serve for the remaining part of the year.

ARTICLE XVI.

Of the Standing Committee.

The Chaplains, the Physicians, the Treasurer and the Secretary, together with four other Resident Members of the Society, not being Officers, who shall be appointed in the same manner as the Committee of Accounts hereafter mentioned, shall constitute a Standing Committee whose duty, jointly or severally, it shall be to pay attention to Emigrants from Scotland, to enquire into their treatment during the passage, making report thereof to the Society, and into their circumstances and views, to assist them with their advice, and to recommend such of them as they may think proper to the Board of Managers

for pecuniary relief. They shall likewise execute such business as may from time to time be committed to them by any law or resolve of the Society. They shall meet as often as the nature of their duties may require; and shall make report of their proceedings to the Society.

ARTICLE XVII.

Of the Committee of Accounts and the Committee of Instalment.

A Committee of Accounts, consisting of five Members, not being Officers, shall be appointed annually at the Preparatory Meeting, whose duty it shall be to assist in making out the accounts, examine the books and accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary, and to make report to the Society on St. Andrew's Day ensuing. At the same meeting a Committee of two Members shall be appointed, who shall on the Anniversary Festival, present and instal the Officers elected for the ensuing year. These Committees, and all Special Committees shall be nominated by the presiding Officer, and appointed by vote of the Society.

ARTICLE XVIII.

Of the Funds of the Society.

The Funds of the Society shall be improved to the best advantage; therefore, if at any time there shall be more money in the hands of the Treasurer than the exigencies of the poor require, the same shall be loaned out at interest, or otherwise disposed of, as may be determined on by the Board of Managers with the concurrence of the President and Vice-Presidents. It shall not be competent for any Meeting to direct the disposition or appropriation of any part of the Society's Stock previously loaned out or vested in public securities, or in real property, unless the President or one of the Vice-Presidents, and at least fifty of the Resident Members be present.

ARTICLE XIX.

Of the fees and dues to be paid to the Society.

Resident Members shall, upon their election and subscribing the Constitution, pay a sum of not less than two dollars as the fee of admission, and shall contribute two dollars annually to be paid on the first day of May in each and every year, and Honorary Members shall, on their election, pay a sum of not less than five dollars.

ARTICLE XX.

Of Life Members.

On the payment by any Member of a sum not less than five pounds, the same shall be accepted in lieu of any further subscription or contribution, and the sum thus paid, as well as any donation to the Society, or any payment from an Honorary Member (as far as the same shall exceed the sum of five dollars) shall be invested in some permanent fund, the interest only of which shall be placed among the distributable funds of the Society.

ARTICLE XXI.

Of delinquency in paying dues.

All the Members of the Society shall, within one month after their admission, subscribe the Constitution, otherwise they shall be considered as having forfeited their title to Membership; and in future, if any Member, unless he be in indigent circumstances, of which the Society shall judge, shall refuse or neglect to pay his dues for one year after they have accrued, provided he has been called upon by the Secretary or Collector, he shall be considered as having withdrawn himself from the Society, and the Secretary shall erase his name from the list of Members.

ARTICLE XXII.

Of Members absent from the City.

Any Member being absent more than a year at one

time, may, if he think fit, decline paying his subscription for the time he has been absent; and on his stating in writing to the Treasurer the time of his absence, the charge standing against him in the Treasurer's books shall be annulled.

ARTICLE XXIII.

Of Resident Members who remove out of the County,

Resident Members who remove out of the County, may, upon application, have their names transferred from the list of Resident to that of Honorary Members; and shall not afterwards be considered as Resident Members, unless proposed and elected as in the first instances; but such persons, if re-elected, shall not be subject to the payment of the admission fee, and in like manner when Honorary Members come to reside within the limits of the County, and may desire to become Resident Members they shall be admitted without being subject to the ρayment of the admission fee.

ARTICLE XXIV.

Of the order to be observed in Meetings.

At each meeting of the Society, after the Presiding Officer shall have taken the Chair, the minutes of the previous meeting shall be read by the Secretary. Decency and good order shall be observed by all the Members; and whoever offends in this respects shall be liable to be reprimanded by the presiding officer.

ARTICLE XXV.

Of obedience to the Rules of the Society.

The Members of this Society shall faithfully observe and conform to all the rules and regulations that shall be made by the Society and entered in the books thereof, on pain of being dismissed from it, and having their names erased from the list of Members.

ARTICLE XXVI.

Of the expulsion of Members.

If a majority of the Members present at any General Meeting shall vote for the expulsion of a Member, his name shall be erased, and he shall never afterwards be admitted to attend any meeting of the Society, unless again elected by ballot as in the first instance.

ARTICLE XXVII.

Of the mode of altering the Constitution.

The Constitution shall not be altered, except at a Preparatory Meeting, at which the President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, and not less than fifty Resident Members, are present, the consent of three-fourths of whom shall be necessary to ratify an amendment; and all proposed amendments shall be submitted to the consideration of the Society at the previous meeting.

APPENDIX.

FORM TO BE SIGNED BY ALL APPLICANTS FOR ADMISSION,
PRIOR TO ADMISSION.

I, [James Wilson,] of [Montreal, Carpenter,] a native of [Lanark,] in the County of [Lanark,] or [the son of Robert Wilson, of Montreal, a native of Beith, in the County of Ayr, Mason,] now aged [forty] years, declare thar I am desirous of becoming a Member of the St. Andrew's Society of Montreal, and, if elected, I will abide by and obey all and every the rules and regulations of the said Society.

Proposed by [Thomas Ferguson.] Seconded by [Andrew Wylie.] 



